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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 15436.249.20

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	)	
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Ping Xie et al.	)	
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Serial No.:        09/617,736	)	
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Filed:            July 17, 2000	)	Art Unit
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Confirmation No.:  8309	)	
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For:              FIBER OPTICAL PIGTAIL GEOMETRY FOR	)	
IMPROVING EXTINCTION RATIO OF	)	
POLARIZATION MAINTAINING FIBERS	)	
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Examiner:          Kevin S. Wood	)	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendments  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 be extended for three (3) months until February 27, 2003.

PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated February 27, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric L. Maschoff", written in a cursive style.

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